12 400 000 women, girls, men, children are victims of trafficking in our world
Tell their names...
Let us pray together
Eternal God,
we know you have
a special love
for the poor and the little ones
...and defend those whose rights are trampled up on.
Today we focus on people treated unjustly, sold like common merchandise,
youngsters, even children,
whose lives are valued at less than thirty silver coins.
Merciful and caring God, we believe you will not forget them.

Their lives stand written on the palm of your hand.
Make us realise that we, too, have a task in this world
where markets decide, not only the price of coffee...

...but also that of people.
Give us the courage...

...to speak out against injustice and abuse,
to stand with your smallest people
and denounce all injustice.
God, we ask you,

give all those who fight against trafficking understanding and determination;

talitha kum
give victims strength
and confidence in you.
Help us also, merciful God,
to pray for those, that
from stupidity
and hard heartedness,
bring the evil of trafficking into our world.

May they come to realise their wrongdoing.
We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your son and our brother.
AMEN!
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